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The most important event of the year at the headquarters office in Chicago has been the removal thither of the editorial offices of the Booklist from Madison, Wisconsin, where the work has been conducted for the past six or seven years. After a most faithful and fruitful editorship of five years, Miss Elva L. Bascom resigned in June to head a newly established department in the Wisconsin Library Commission, and Miss May Masee, well equipped by successful work in the various departments of the Buffalo Public Library, took up the editorship. The removal of the work to Chicago necessitated a number of material changes in the executive offices which will be noticeable to visitors at the mid-winter meeting.

The membership has continued to grow. Early in the year the secretary solicited the aid of members in a campaign to bring the total membership to the 3,000 mark. The response was prompt, cordial and appreciated, but the goal set proved too high. However, 390 new members were added during the year, making our present total net membership 2,563, and we hope to arrive much nearer to the 3,000 mark during 1914, assured that we can still count on loyal hands to help. If each member of the Association secured but one new member our membership a year hence would be over 5,000 and the American Library Association would, by its increased size and financial betterment, be a power in the educational field, for the added funds would enable us to launch many new publicity campaigns which would help to get for libraries the recognition they deserve.

A number of handbooks, tracts and chapters to the manual of library economy have been printed by the Publishing Board during the year, but no large work has been published. "A thousand books for a hospital library," "A normal library budget and its units of expense," "A list of Polish books," a reprint of the analytical cards for the Warner Library of the world's best literature, and Manual chapters on the library building, training for

librarianship, library printing, and on commission work, are among the more important publications. A number of other publications are under way.

The correspondence work at headquarters still increases, leaving a steadily smaller margin of time for the secretary to devote to other activities. The publications have from time to time been advertised by circularization and otherwise and the campaign for members has been a continuous one. The Handbook of the Association is becoming more and more a directory of the leading library workers of the country, and we are trying to show librarians that from a business point of view they cannot afford not to have their names included.

During the year the secretary has attended state library association meetings in Oklahoma, Ohio and North Carolina; has addressed the library school of the Carnegie Library of Atlanta, the summer schools in Iowa City, and Madison, Wis., and the District of Columbia Library Club; and gave an address at the dedication of the library building in Princeton, Illinois.

MID-WINTER MEETINGS

The usual mid-winter library meetings will again be held this year in Chicago, the dates being Wednesday, December 31, to Friday, January 2.

Headquarters will be at the Hotel La Salle, La Salle and Madison Streets, five blocks west of the Chicago Public Library and one block south. The following special reduced rates for rooms have been granted by the management:

Room, without bath, \$1.50 per day and up.

Room, with private bath, \$2.00 per day and up.

Rate per person will be the same whether one or two persons occupy the room.

Two connecting rooms with private bath can be had for two persons for \$4.50 (that is, \$2.25 each) to \$8.00 (\$4.00 each) per day; for four persons, \$7.00 to \$12.00 and upward.

Rooms without bath have running water, telephone, automatic heat control, and occupants have the privilege of using the public bath in the same corridor without charge.

The Hotel La Salle will provide meeting rooms and committee rooms free of charge. Those having charge of meetings not here referred to should make arrangements for suitable meeting rooms direct with the hotel management or through the secretary of the A. L. A.

Meetings will be held in the Red Room, on the nineteenth floor of the Hotel La Salle, and in other rooms of the hotel. The directors of the Chicago Public Library have also, as usual, placed at the disposal of the librarians the Directors' room on the fifth floor of the Chicago Public Library, adjoining A. L. A. headquarters.

Reservations, stating time of arrival, should be made with the manager of the Hotel La Salle.

Besides the well-equipped dining rooms of the Hotel La Salle there are many restaurants with a wide range of service and price in close proximity to the hotel. All the leading theatres are within a few blocks of the La Salle.

The Executive Board will meet on Wednesday evening, December 31, at the Hotel La Salle.

The Council will meet in the Directors' Room of the Chicago Public Library on Thursday morning, January 1, and probably again on Thursday afternoon. Program and more definite information will be mailed later to the individual members.

The Publishing Board will meet in Chi-

cago during the week, the exact time to be determined later.

The League of Library Commissions will meet at the Hotel La Salle on Wednesday, December 31, both morning and afternoon, and on Thursday morning, January 1.

The Round Table of Library Schools will meet at 9:30 promptly, the morning of Friday, January 2, at the Hotel La Salle. Those members of Library school faculties whose names have been sent in by the schools as likely to be present at the School luncheon after the meeting, will have places assigned at the luncheon. Correspondence concerning the meeting and the luncheon should be sent to Miss Mary E. Hazeltine, chairman, University of Wisconsin Library School, Madison, Wis.

The Chicago Library Club will entertain visiting librarians and their friends on Thursday evening, January 1.

The Illinois Library Association will meet in Chicago, December 30 and 31. The headquarters will be at the La Salle Hotel, and the rates will be the same as for the other library meetings that week. The sessions will be held in the Red Room on the nineteenth floor of the hotel and will open on Tuesday afternoon, December 30. There will be a reference section, a trustees' section, and a book symposium. It is hoped there will be a large representation from libraries throughout the state, with discussions of commission government as related to libraries; municipal and legislative reference libraries; with special reference to the city reference libraries recently established, and the new legislative reference library at Springfield. A more definite announcement will be mailed to the members of the Association as soon as the program is in definite form.